

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING JOE SHOVELS

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Joseph Shovels as he retires from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Flint. Joe has worked for the organization for 39 years. A party in his honor will be held on April 30th in my hometown of Flint, Michigan.

Joe began his career working for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Flint after graduating from Michigan State University. A lifelong caseworker with the organization, Joe stayed dedicated to this vital job ever since his graduation. His dedication to ensuring that the children are provided for is legendary. Going above and beyond has been a hallmark of his career. The longest serving employee with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Flint, Joe has characterized his work as a ministry instead of a job.

His attitude toward children has garnered recognition from his peers and from the community. Big Brothers Big Sisters has named him Caseworker of the Year. In February, Priority Children gave him the Roy E. Peterson Caring Adult Award for his steadfastness to bettering the lives of the children in the Flint community.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Flint will inaugurate an award to be given to their employees and volunteers called the "Good Joe Award" in his honor. The kickoff for this award will take place at a dinner to be held later this month.

I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Joe Shovels on an exceptional career and a job well done. The children of Genesee County have benefited from his conscientiousness, his compassion, and his commitment to improving their lives.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING ELIZABETH GREAVES

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Elizabeth Greaves has devoted herself to serving others through her membership in the Girl Scouts; and

Whereas, Elizabeth Greaves has shared her time and talent with the community in which she resides; and

Whereas, Elizabeth Greaves has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Elizabeth Greaves must be commended for the hard work and dedication she put forth in earning the Girl Scout Gold Award;

Therefore, I join with the Girl Scouts, the residents of Granville and the entire 18th Con-

gressional District in congratulating Elizabeth Greaves as she receives the Girl Scout Gold Award.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS' 11TH ANNUAL NATIONAL FOOD DRIVE

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to encourage my constituents and everyone across America to participate in the National Association of Letter Carriers' 11th Annual National Food Drive, which will take place on May 10th of this year. Every year, on the second Saturday of May, the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) collects non-perishable goods that generous people have donated to those in need.

Those interested in donating should place a non-perishable food item near their mailboxes or bring it to their local post office. All of the donations will be distributed to local food banks, shelters, and pantries to help people in need in the local community. This is a great opportunity to share with people right in our local communities.

Over the past ten years, the NALC has collected over half of a billion pounds of food for those less fortunate. In 2002 alone, over 60 million pounds of food was collected. Nearly 1,500 offices of the NALC—in every state in the nation—will be involved in the drive. In fact, it is part of the largest one day food drive in the nation. This is an impressive record. I hope that everyone who is able to participate will contribute what they can, and that this year's food drive will be the most successful ever.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 22ND ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION WINNER, MS. ELISE BAKER

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Miss Elise Baker, first-place winner of the 2003 Congressional Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery". This unique competition provides Members with the opportunity to showcase the artistic achievements of high school students within their districts, thereby acknowledging our Nation's gifted young artists. Since the first competition in 1982, nearly 5,000 local contests have been conducted, involving more than 650,000 high school students. In its 22nd year, the competition has recognized Ms. Elise Baker for her outstanding artistic talent.

Elise was born at Holy Cross Hospital in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on March 31, 1986. The daughter of Don and Susan Baker, Elise also has a 12-year-old brother, Robby. For her elementary education, she attended St. Paul Lutheran School, where she developed a serious interest in art. Since enrolling at A.D. Henderson University School of Florida Atlantic University for middle school, she has taken a number of honors art classes and has been awarded as an outstanding art student on several occasions. Elise is currently a Junior at Grandview Preparatory School in Boca Raton, Florida.

Elise's interests are not limited to the realm of art, and she has energetically pursued numerous extra-curricular activities. Fostering a lifelong love of dance, Elise began her formal dance education at the Dance Academy of Boca Raton during pre-school. She has studied ballet, jazz, tap, and modern dance and has performed in many student talent competitions over the years. She has furthermore been a member of the South Florida Youth Ballet, a repertory company which put on many performances in Palm Beach County, and has danced with the Miami City Ballet in "The Nutcracker" at the Kravis Center in West Palm Beach. Her colorful dancing background undoubtedly contributed to her leadership as captain of the Grandview Cheerleading Team during the past two years of high school. She has attended several Universal Cheerleading Association (UCA) instructional camps, from which she has been honored with various awards, including the opportunity to perform a cheerleading routine during the New Year's Day Parade in London, England in 2003. Last summer, Elise completed Culver Military Academy's six-week program in Culver, Indiana and earned her Tuxis Medal.

Today, Elise enjoys babysitting and performing volunteer work in her spare time. She is a member of the First United Methodist Church of Boca Raton and actively participates in their Youth Group, as well as other youth-oriented activities in the area.

Elise's natural gift for art runs in her family, as she is the great grand-niece of Edward Buyck, a famous artist from Albany, New York, who is renowned for his pre-inaugural portrait of Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933 and for his countless works presently on display at the Governor's office in Albany and in the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington, D.C.

As Elise's art teacher at Grandview, Mr. Robert Williams, said, "'A' talent and hard work pay off." We would like to recognize both Elise's talent and hard work and congratulate her on winning this year's competition. We also wish her the best of luck in her pursuit of artistic studies in college, which she plans on continuing, particularly in the fields of decorating and fashion design.

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